



## City of Cincinnati

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### **CINCINNATI FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTS FIRST EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Cincinnati Fire department announced on the appointment of Ronnise Handy as its Executive Officer, effective July 16. For the past six years, Handy has been the Finance Director for the Village of Woodlawn. Handy also served the same position for the Village of Lockland. Fifteen years ago, Handy worked for the City of Cincinnati as a Management Analyst in the Budget and Evaluations department.

As Executive Officer, Handy will provide the fiscal oversight, planning, and management of the Fire department's \$69 million annual budget. She will serve as a human resource liaison internally and with the city Human Resource department. Additionally, Handy will represent the department with other fire departments, public organizations, outside agencies and organizations on special events and projects, and act as an alternate for the Fire Chief at various meetings. This position, a first in the Cincinnati Fire department's history, came from one of the recommendations made by the Tri-Data Consultants on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Fire department.

Born in NYC and raised in Prince George's County, MD, Handy received a Masters in Business Administration from Xavier University and a Bachelor of Science from Johnson C. Smith University located in Charlotte, NC.

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